

required as frequently. The recommended alternative will not relocate any residences. One parcel may be acquired, which currently has two business operations – Allen Saunders Auto Sales and Mann’s Monthly Parking Rental. Short-term physical, economic, and accessibility impacts are anticipated to citizens living, working, or visiting Elizabeth City during construction as described in other sections. There are not anticipated to be disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority or low-income residents as a result of the recommended alternative.

The recommended alternative will improve sidewalks along East Elizabeth Street, and will provide an 8-foot bicycle lane and a 5.5-foot pedestrian walkway on the new eastbound bridge structure.

There is one place of worship in the study area, the New Life Family Center. Sheep-Harney Elementary School is located on the edge of the project, on East Elizabeth Street, west of Road Street. No long-term impacts to either facility are anticipated. Temporary impacts during construction are likely, including access, noise, and air quality impacts as described in other sections. Since the road and bridge will be replaced on existing location with similar facilities, no long-term visual impacts are anticipated.

Laneage on East Elizabeth Street will be temporarily reduced to two lanes carrying two-way traffic. Traffic across the Pasquotank River will use the three lanes on the westbound bridge structure, reducing capacity from five lanes to one lane eastbound and two lanes westbound. Emergency response time may increase during construction, but no long-term impacts are anticipated.

### **Economic Effects**

A construction easement will be required on the north side of East Elizabeth Street between Water Street and Poindexter Street, which will likely result in the acquisition of the property at that location. There are currently two businesses operating on that property, Allen Saunders Auto Sales and Mann’s Monthly Parking Rental. A final determination of easement limits will be made during final design.

The road and bridge will be rebuilt in their existing locations as part of the recommended alternative, so this project is not anticipated to change the long-term attractiveness of East Elizabeth Street for businesses. During project construction, impacts along the construction route will likely include noise and air quality impacts and reduced access to parking for businesses. Local business owners are concerned that these impacts may dissuade customers during construction. At least two lanes on East Elizabeth Street will remain open throughout project construction, so drivers and pedestrians will be able to patronize businesses.